

**REMARKS**

An interview between Examiner Chung and Dennis Smid (one of the applicant's undersigned attorneys) was held on April 19, 2007 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The applicant and Mr. Smid wish to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration for such discussion.

Claims 1-11, 20, and 31 have been canceled. Claims 17, 19, 26, 28-30, and 32, and amended claims 12-16, 18, 21-25, and 27 are in this application.

As discussed during the April 19 interview, independent claim 1 has been canceled and dependent claims 12-19 are now dependent from independent claim 29. In a similar manner, independent claim 20 has been canceled and dependent claims 21-28 are now dependent from independent claim 30. Additionally, independent claim 31 has been canceled.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 29, 30, and 32 (along with claims 12-19 and 21-28 dependent therefrom) are distinguishable from the combinations of references applied in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006 for at least the reasons discussed during the April 19 interview and previously described in the Amendment mailed on April 4, 2007 in response to the October 5 Office Action.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the October 5 Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-

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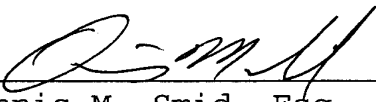
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5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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